

# **Operation Manual for** BEAD BEATER

# **BMIX-100**



# PLEASE READ THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE OPERATION

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# 1. SAFETY INFORMATION

Before using the machine, make sure to read and understand this manual thoroughly. Keep the manual close to the machine, easily accessible to all the users. Improper operation can cause injury to persons or damage to the equipment.

# 1.1. WARNING SYMBOLS

The following are the warning symbols that are used in this manual.



This symbol indicates a potential risk and alerts you to proceed with caution.



This symbol indicates the presence of high voltage and warns the user to proceed with caution.



This symbol indicates risks associated with hot surfaces.

#### 1.2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



#### Safety instructions

Claims for damages in any form whatsoever, for injury to persons or damage to the machine, caused through non-observance of the following safety instructions, are excluded.



# Use according to the intended purpose

Do not make any alterations to the machine and use only approved spare parts and accessories. Otherwise the Declaration of Conformity will lose its validity and this will also lead to the loss of any guarantee claims.



# **Transport**

Do not knock, shake or throw the ÓT Q'E € during transport. Otherwise the electronic and mechanical components may be damaged.



#### Packing material

Please keep the packing material for the duration of the guarantee period. In case of a complaint and return of the machine in unsuitable packing material, your guarantee claim will be lost.



# **Temperature variations**

If the OT OF E is subjected to high temperature variations, protect it against condensed water. Otherwise the electronic components may be damaged.



#### **Ambient temperature**

If the temperature drops below 5°C or exceeds 40°C, electronic and mechanical components can be damaged. Performance can be changed to an unknown extent.



# **Atmospheric humidity**

If the humidity exceeds 85%, electronic and mechanical components can be damaged. Performance can be changed to an unknown extent.



## **Electrical connection**

If the values for the mains power supply on the name plate are not observed, the electrical and mechanical components may be damaged.



# **Inserting milling cups**

Ensure that the milling cups are inserted correctly in the milling cup holder. Otherwise they can be damaged, when starting the machine. Both milling positions must always be used. Otherwise this will cause considerable unbalance.



# Removing and opening hot milling cups

When removing and opening hot milling cups, always wear protective gloves. There is a danger of burning the hands.



#### **Materials**

Observe the relevant regulations and directives for handling chemicals and hazardous materials.

Milling of materials, which give a risk of fire or explosion, is prohibited.



# Cleaning

Do not clean the ÓT Ó É € under running water. Danger to life through electric shock.

Use only a soft cloth moistened with water. Cleaning agents and solvents should not be used, not for cleaning the milling tools either.



#### Repair

For your own safety, repairs must be carried out only by authorized service technicians.

# 2. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ÓT Q'ÉF€ is a laboratory machine, which is suitable for milling and homogenizing soft, fibrous, hard and brittle materials in the dry and wet state.

It is used for fast, super fine milling of 2 samples simultaneously.

The closed milling system guarantees complete recovery of the samples. Owing to the extremely short milling time and the high final fineness of the milled material, the BMIX-100 is also ideally suitable for sample preparation for all spectral analyses.

Final finenesses of down to 1  $\mu$ m can be achieved, depending on the milling time and the specific properties of the sample material. The optimum milling cup filling is as a rule 1/3 of the milling cup volume.

Exceptions to this are voluminous materials, such as wool, leaves, grasses and suchlike. In these cases a filling level of 70-80% is necessary.



The sample quantity should not be less than 25% of the milling cup

The milling balls may otherwise damage the milling cups.



The milling cup materials and milling ball materials must always be identical or compatible.

The milling balls may otherwise damage the milling cups.



# 3. TECHNICAL FEATURES

# 3.1. CONSTRUCTION

The housing of ÓT Q'⊞€ is made of steel plate varnished with high resistant polyurethane lacquer.

# **Protective equipment**

The milling chamber of the ÓT Q'E € is enclosed by a strong covering hood.

Starting of the machine is possible only with the hood closed. If the hood is open, message "LId" appears on display, when you press the START/STOP key.

When message "LId" appears on display, you have to close the hood and clear the message by pressing the START/STOP key. Then you can start the machine by pressing the START/STOP key again.

If you open the hood during the operation, the machine stops rapidly and message "Er3" appears on display.

When message "Er3" appears on display, you can't start the machine again by pressing the START/STOP key. You have to turn the main POWER switch OFF and then ON again, to clear the message and use the machine again.

# 3.2. TECHNICAL DATA

Power supply	230V ± 10% - 50/60Hz
Rated power	200W
Fuses	2 x T2A 250V
Vibrational frequency	Digital, from 3 to 30 Hz (180 - 1800 min <sup>-1</sup> ),
regulation	in 0.1 Hz steps
Timer	5 sec - 99 min, timer HOLD function,
	in 1 sec steps (below 10 min),
	or 10 sec steps (above 10 min)
Max. volume of milling cups	2 x 50 ml
Dimensions W x D x H	385 x 420 x 240 mm (465 mm with hood open)
Weight	42 kg
Noise emission	70 dB(A)
(without milling balls)	
Ambient temperature	5°C - 40°C
Atmospheric humidity	< 85% RH

# 4. INSTALLATION

#### 4.1. UNPACKING

Before the installation, carefully examine the delivery for possible damage or missing parts.

Unscrew and remove two transportation safety screws, on the bottom side of the box. Open the box and take the machine out of the box. Check that the machine has not been visibly damaged during the transport.

Please keep the packing material for the duration of the guarantee period. In case of a complaint and return of the machine in unsuitable packing material, your guarantee claim will be lost.

Check that the mains cord is compatible with the local standard.

If any kind of damage occurred during transport, immediately make a complaint to the carrier. Any incorrect delivery or missing parts should be reported to the distributor.

# 4.2. SELECTING THE RIGHT PLACE

When selecting the right place for the machine, please consider the following:

- Put the device on smooth, horizontal and stable place.
- Leave enough space beyond the device for normal air circulation, min. 10 cm.
- Leave enough space around the device, that you will easy control and maintain it.
- Don't use the device in surroundings, where there are fast temperature and humidity changes. Also avoid places exposed to direct sunlight and places nearby heating devices.
- Avoid places, where the possibility of shocks and vibrations exists.

Note: The machine should not be placed so, that it is difficult to pull out the cord plug from mains power supply.

# 4.3. CONNECTING THE POWER CORD

The correct voltage and frequency for the BMIX-100 are given on the name plate. Ensure that these values correspond to the available power supply system.

Fit one end of the power cord, included in the delivery, into the mains socket on the machine. Connect the other end of the cord to a grounded wall socket.

To avoid interference from noise, surges and spikes, a dedicated line is preferred. If no such line is available, avoid lines to which powerful electric motors, refrigerators and similar devices are connected.

The power can be turned on and off by the POWER switch, located on the right side of the housing of the machine. Light in the switch indicates, when the power is on.

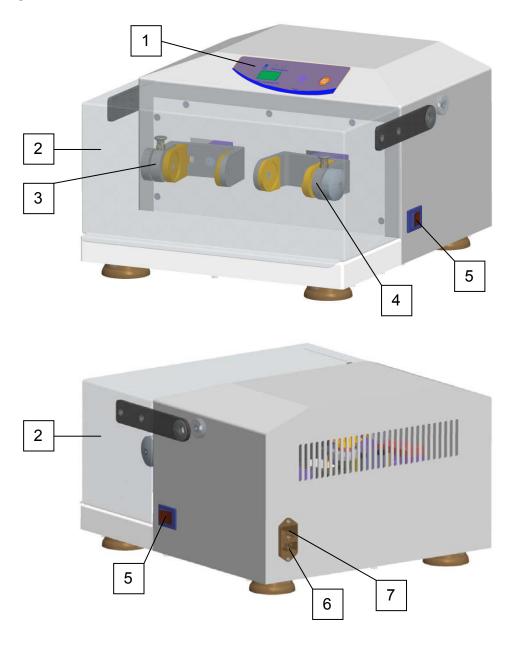
# **4.4. ENVIRONMENT CONDITIONS**

The machine has been built for operating in laboratory environment. Therefore the environmental conditions should be the following:

- Temperature from 5°C to 40°C
- Humidity up to 85% RH, non-condensing

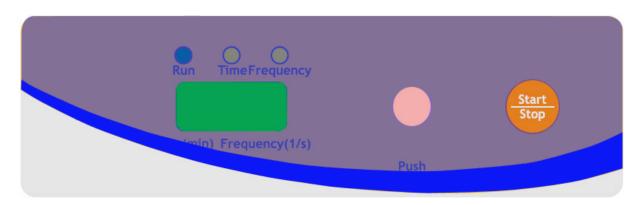
# 5. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

# **5.1. OVERALL VIEW**



Position	Description	Function
1	Control panel with display	Time and vibrational frequency setting,
		starting / stopping the machine.
2	Hood	Closes the milling chamber.
3	Milling cup holder - left	Holds the milling cup.
4	Milling cup holder - right	Holds the milling cup.
5	POWER switch	For switching the BMIX-100 on and off.
6	Mains socket	Connection for power cord to the machine.
7	Fuse compartment	Contains two fuses.

#### 5.2. CONTROL PANEL DESCRIPTION



- POWER switch (on the right side of ÓT Q́ \( \overline{\text{E}} \) switches ON (power switch shines) or OFF the power of the machine.
- RUN signal light (green) shines when ÓT Q́ ⊞€ is running.
- TIME signal light (yellow) shines when ÓT ੴ #=€ is set on time.
- FREQUENCY signal light (yellow) shines when ÓT ੴ⊞€€ is set on vibrational frequency.
- ENCODER knob (push or rotate) with rotating ENCODER right (+) or left (-), you change TIME or FREQUENCY on the machine. Push ENCODER to switch between TIME and FREQUENCY setting values.
   If you rotate ENCODER knob fast, then values on display go up or down quickly.
- START/STOP key starts or stops the operation of ÓT Q´E €.

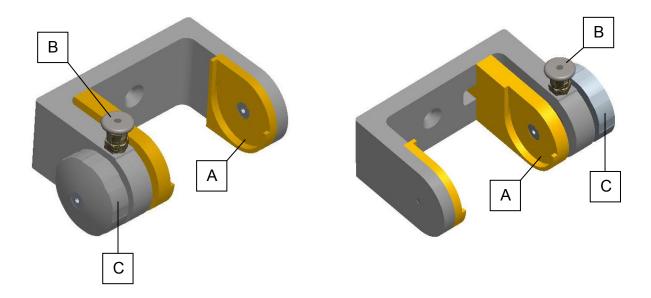


Starting of the machine is possible only with the hood closed. If the hood is open, message "LId" appears on display.

Always start and stop the machine with START/STOP key.

# 5.3. INSERTING / REPLACING THE MILLING CUPS

Place the milling cups, filled with the material to be milled and milling balls, into the centering points **A** of the clamping devices and clamp firmly.



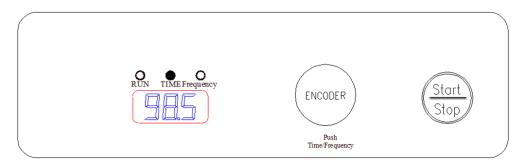
- Lift the locking pin **B** upwards from the groove and turn it for 90° in any direction. This unlocks the locking device.
- Turn the knob **C** counterclockwise, until the max. clamping range is reached.
- Turn the locking pin **B** back for 90° until it engages in the groove again.
- Insert the milling cup and press lightly into the centering point A.
- Gently turn the knob C clockwise, until the milling cup just fits, free of play, in the holder. Then continue to turn the knob clockwise for 1 - 2 clicks, while at the same time the locking pin B is raised and lowered.

The engaged locking pin prevents automatic opening of the milling cup holder. If the locking pin **B** cannot be pulled upwards to release it, unlocking should not be forced with any tool. Otherwise the locking pin can break off. Briefly retighten the knob **C** in the clockwise direction and the locking pin can then move freely again. To remove the milling cup, lift the locking pin **B**, turn it for 90° and turn the knob **C** in the direction to loosen it.

# **5.4. BASIC OPERATION**

Switch on the ÓT Q'E € with POWER switch on the right side of the housing.

# Setting the milling time

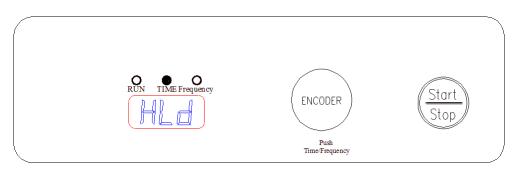


• TIME signal light shines. With rotating ENCODER right (+) or left (-), set the milling time to required value from 5 sec to 99 min.

Examples:  $98.5 \Rightarrow 98 \text{ min } 50 \text{ sec}$ 

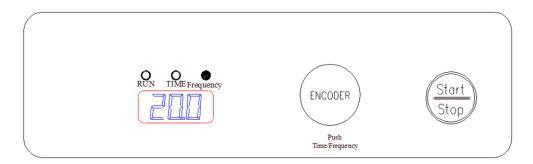
 $9.59 \Rightarrow 9 \text{ min } 59 \text{ sec}$ 

 $0.59 \Rightarrow 59 \text{ sec}$ 



If you want to set the time to hold (continued operation), set "HLd" on display.
 You get message "HLd" on display, under time value 0.05 or above time value 99.0.

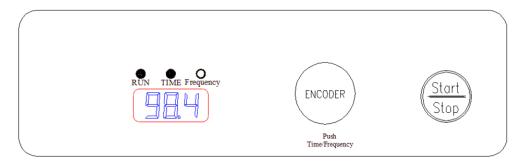
# **Setting the frequency**



 Push ENCODER knob, so that FREQUENCY signal light shines. With rotating ENCODER right (+) or left (-), set the vibrational frequency to required value from 3 to 30 Hz.

Example:  $20.0 \Rightarrow 20.0/s$ 

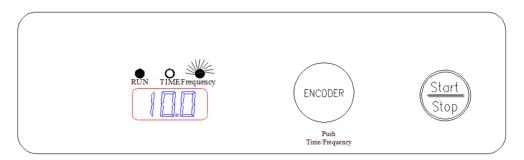
# Starting the milling process



• Press START/STOP key. RUN and TIME signal lights shine. The machine counts down the time from set value.

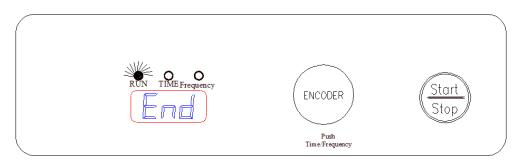
Note: You cannot modify the time during the operation of the machine.

# Changing the frequency during the operation



 If you want to change the vibrational frequency during the operation of the machine, push ENCODER knob, so that the FREQUENCY signal light shines. Rotate ENCODER right (+) or left (-) to required value. In the meantime FREQUENCY signal light is flashing. When you stop rotating ENCODER knob, signal light FREQUENCY stops flashing after 2 sec.

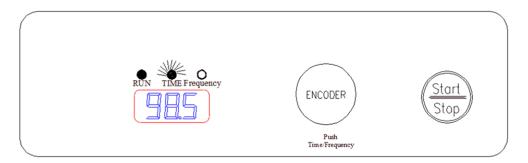
# Stopping the milling process



 When the time elapses or when you press START/STOP key again, message "End" appears on display and RUN signal light flashes. When the machine stops completely, the last used values for time and frequency are automatically reset.

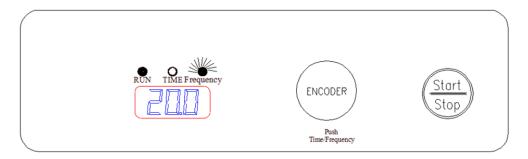
# 5.5. ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS

# Checking the set time during operation



If you want to check the set value for time during operation, push ENCODER knob, so that TIME signal light shines. Then rotate ENCODER for one click right (+) or left (-). TIME signal light flashes for 2 sec and display shows the set time value. After 2 sec, the real time value is shown on display again and TIME signal light stops flashing.

# Checking the set frequency during operation



 If you want to check the set value for frequency during operation, push ENCODER knob, so that FREQUENCY signal light shines. Then rotate ENCODER for one click right (+) or left (-). FREQUENCY signal light flashes for 2 sec and display shows the set frequency value. After 2 sec, the real frequency value is shown on display again and FREQUENCY signal light stops flashing.

# 6. WORKING INSTRUCTIONS

# 6.1. GENERAL

The BMIX-100 is a high performance product. Because of the large selection of accessories, the bead beater ÓT ੴ is a machine with many different application possibilities in laboratories, industry and research. It is used mainly in the chemical and pharmaceutical sectors and in mineralogical and biological applications etc.

# **6.2. MILLING PROCES**

Clamp the milling cups, filled with material to be milled and the milling balls, in the milling cup holders as described.

# **Starting the milling process:**

- Close the hood.
- Set the time.
- Set the frequency.
- Start the milling operation by pressing the START/STOP key.
- The milling time starts running and the remaining milling time is shown on display.

$\triangle$	The milling process can only be started, when the hood is closed.
<u>^</u>	In order to ensure quiet running of the ÓT ੴ IF€€, both milling positions have to be loaded with approximately the same mass.
<u> </u>	Do not open the hood during the milling process.  Although the milling cups are brought to a standstill immediately after the opening of the hood, the milling process can no longer be continued with the remaining running time.  The BMIX-100 must be restarted and the initial parameters are then available again.
<u> </u>	Do not mill inflammable or explosive samples!
<u>^</u>	Please note that the properties and therefore the dangerous nature of your sample, can change during the milling process.

# **Stopping the milling process:**

- Stop the milling operation by pressing the START/STOP key.
- When the milling time elapses, the milling process is automatically ended. The display is reset to the last set value.

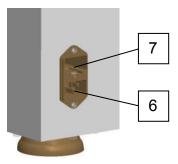


When removing and opening hot milling cups, always wear protective gloves. There is a danger of burning the hands.

# 6.3. MILLING CUPS FILLING LEVELS

Milling cup volume	Milling sample amount	Max. sample grain size	Balls max. diameter
1.5 ml	0.5 ml	1 mm	5 mm
5 ml	2 ml	2 mm	10 mm
10 ml	4 ml	4 mm	10 mm
25 ml	10 ml	6 mm	15 mm
50 ml	20 ml	8 mm	25 mm

# 6.4. REPLACING THE MACHINE FUSES



The following fuses are required for ÓT Q́ ⊞€: 2 x T2A 250V.

- Unplug mains plug from the mains socket 6.
- By pressing the locking device on the bottom side of the fuse compartment 7, fuse holder is released and you can pull it out.
- Replace fuses.
- Insert fuse holder and push it, until it locks.

# 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Explanation / Solution
POWER switch doesn't	Check the mains power supply.
shine, when it is	Check fuses and replace them, if necessary.
switched ON.	Call authorized service.
Display doesn't work.	Call authorized service.
Message "LId" appears on display.	The hood was open, when you tried to start the machine by pressing the START/STOP key. Close the hood and clear the message by pressing the START/STOP key. Then you can start the machine by pressing the START/STOP key again.
Message "Er1" appears on display.	Motor overheated. Turn the main POWER switch OFF and wait for the motor to cool down.
Message "Er2" appears on display.	The machine can't reach the set vibrational frequency. It tries to start 5 times, then "Er2" appears. Check if the milling cup holders are blocked and remove any obstacle. You have to turn the main POWER switch OFF and then ON again, to clear the error message and use the machine again.
Message "Er3" appears on display.	You opened the hood during the operation. The machine stopped rapidly and message "Er3" appeared on display. When message "Er3" appears on display, you can't start the machine again by pressing the START/STOP key. You have to turn the main POWER switch OFF and then ON again, to clear the message and use the machine again.

When error message (ErX) appears on display, machine stops automatically and you can't start it again by pressing the START/STOP key. You have to turn the main POWER switch OFF and then ON again, to clear the error message and use the machine again.

# 8. MAINTENANCE

ÓT Œ is maintenance free. When used properly, no maintenance and setting is necessary. Do not make any alterations to the machine and use only approved spare parts and accessories.

#### 8.1. WEAR

The milling tools can become worn out, depending on the frequency of the milling operation and the milled material. The milling cups and balls should be regularly checked for wear and replaced, if necessary.

# 8.2. CLEANING



Before cleaning the machine, unplug the mains cord from wall socket. Use only a soft cloth moistened with water. Cleaning agents and solvents should not be used, not for cleaning the milling tools either.



Do not clean the BMIX-100 under running water. Danger to life through electric shock.

# 9. ACCESSORIES

# 9.1. MILLING CUPS AND BALLS

Milling cups	Material
Milling cup 1.5 ml	Hardened steel
Milling cup 5 ml	
Milling cup 10 ml	
Milling cup 25 ml	
Milling cup 50 ml	
Milling cup 1.5 ml	Stainless steel
Milling cup 5 ml	
Milling cup 10 ml	
Milling cup 25 ml	
Milling cup 50 ml	

Milling balls diameter	Material
5, 10, 15, 25 mm	Hardened steel
5, 10, 15, 25 mm	Stainless steel

# 9.2. MILLING RACKS AND BALLS

Round milling racks	Material
0.2 ml with 12 places for screw cap tubes	Teflon
1.5/2.0 ml with 6 places for standard tubes	
1.5/2.0 ml with 6 places for screw cap tubes	
1.5/2.0 ml with 12 places for standard tubes	
1.5/2.0 ml with 12 places for screw cap tubes	

Square milling rack	Material
For 1 Deep well plate or 3 Microtiter plates	Teflon

Milling b	palls diameter	Material
0.10-0.25, 0.50-0.75,	1.00-1.50 mm	Glass

Note: Subject to technical modifications.

# EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

We declare under our sole responsibility that

product designation:

tip / model: type / model:

Bead Beater
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ustreza zahtevam naslednjih predpisov is in conformity with the provisions of the following regulations

- 1. Direktiva 2006/42/ES Evropskega parlamenta in Sveta z dne 17. maja 2006 o strojih Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 on machinery
- 2. Direktiva 2006/95/ES Evropskega parlamenta in Sveta z dne 12. decembra 2006 o uskladitvi zakonodaje držav članic v zvezi z električno opremo, konstruirano za uporabo znotraj določenih napetostnih mej (Uradni list Evropske unije OJ EU L 374 z dne 27. decembra 2006) Directive 2006/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on the harmonisation of the laws of Member States relating to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits (Official Journal of the European Union OJ EU L 374, 27 December 2006)
- Direktiva 2004/108/ES Evropskega parlamenta in Sveta z dne 15. decembra 2004 o
  približevanju zakonodaj držav članic v zvezi z elektromagnetno združljivostjo
  Directive 2004/108/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2004
  on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic
  compatibility

in zadovoljuje tudi zahteve naslednjih standardov and also complies with the following standards

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EN 55011, EN 55014-1, EN 55014-2, EN 55022,

Directive 2004/108/EC EN 61000-3-2, EN 61000-3-3, EN 61000-6-2, EN 61326-1

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